WEST ACTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th October 2025









We have reached the end of this busy and successful first half of the autumn term! In September, we were very proud and excited to achieve our Microsoft Showcase School status — a fantastic recognition of our whole school's commitment to developing children's digital literacy and preparing them for the future.

In the newsletter below, you will find lots of exciting challenges and competitions from our subject leaders across Humanities, Science, RE and PSHE, designed to inspire curiosity, reflection and creativity over the holiday period.

It is also now time for the children to begin writing their entries for the BBC 500 Words Story Competition. Following on from the huge success of my Summer Writing Challenge, where over 185 children took part, I am really looking forward to seeing some entries from West Acton for this national competition. Our children are truly, truly talented and this is such a fantastic opportunity for them to showcase their imagination and creativity. I do urge you to support your child this holiday in writing their story. If your child types up their entry and emails it to the school's admin address, I will happily send it on and complete the application on your behalf.

You will also be emailed information about what your child will be learning next half term. Please do take the opportunity this week to have a look through the topics and the books they will be reading. This will help prepare your child for the term ahead, especially if your child is new to our school or new to English. However, it is meaningful and helpful for all pupils. This type of information is always available on our website under the curriculum section, where you can see the details of what your child is studying and look ahead together at upcoming topics.

It was also wonderful to see so many parents at Parents' Evening last week. The opportunity to meet with teachers and hear how your child is progressing is such an important part of their educational journey. Thank you to everyone who made an appointment, kept their appointment, and attended on time – what a brilliant demonstration of your commitment to supporting your child's learning. We also shared a short parent survey at Parents' Evening, and there is still time to complete it if you haven't yet had the chance. Your feedback is always valued and helps us to continue improving what we do. West Acton Primary School Autumn 2025 Autumn Parent view – Fill in form

After half-term, Mrs Pearce will once again be running her very popular and successful parenting course. Please do take a look at the flyer in this newsletter and sign up if you're interested — it's a fantastic opportunity for parents to connect, share ideas, and learn practical strategies for supporting their children at home.

Finally, if you require childcare during the holiday, Aktiva will be running their club on our school site throughout the break. This is a great option for families who need holiday provision in a familiar and fun environment.

Thank you once again for your continued support this term. I wish all our families a well-deserved, happy and safe half-term break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 3rd November for another exciting term ahead.

Miss Kondo



DON'T MISS OUT - 10 WEEK PARENTING COURSE with Mrs Pearce **EVERY THURSDAY MORNING**

6th November - 22nd January

To register your interest email: admin@west-acton.ealing.sch.uk or return the slip from the information letter.

It has been a valuable experience, and while the English environment was challenging for me, it provided useful insights. I have noticed the tense almosphere at home has become much calmer, which I truly appreciate.

"The course really helped me with my kids. Using the Calm time and choosing what behaviours to ignore made a difference!"

> 'I became more aware of praising my child"



"I used to scold and

get angry at my child, but now I try to look for

his good points and

praise him*

The session on ... "Family rules were useful because ! learnt that all families have the same parenting problems, even if they come from different backgrounds.

"Family rules - It gave me actual tips to try with my kids."

> When I talk to my kids I remember what I heard at your lessons.

During the parenting course, I learned so much no just about parenting, but about myself. Being part of a group of mommies who shared the same struggles made me feel supported and understood. I realized I'm not alone in this journey. What I've learned continues to guide me every day as I try to make my motherhood better.









Humanities Autumn Half-term Challenge 2025

We challenge you to complete the suggested half-term activity to develop your understanding of your up-coming Humanities topic. All of these places/ activities are FREE.

Complete a 1 PAGE summary of something that interested you most (include writing/ drawing/a photo) to be in with a chance of winning a prize after half-term!

Give your entry to your class teacher after half-term (include name/year/class). Have fun!

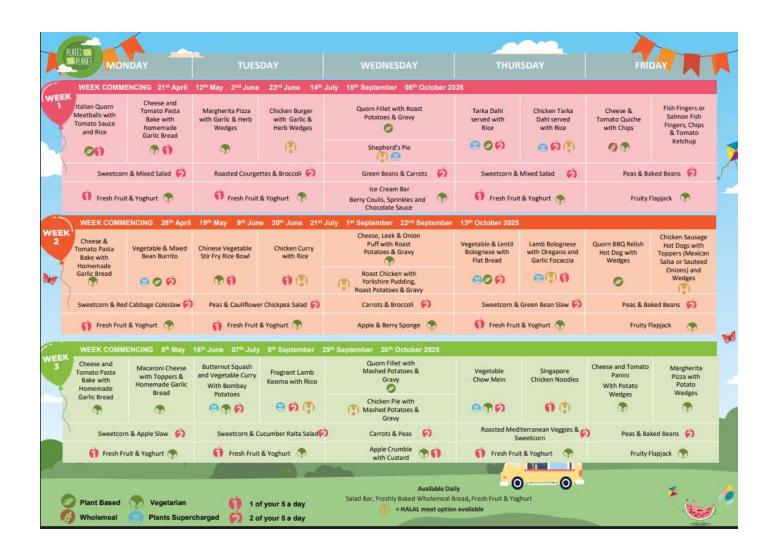
Year Group	Autumn 2 Humanities Topic	Suggested Autumn Half-term Activity	
Y1	My Local Area	Visit a different park in Acton. What do you like https://www.gmgle.com/hosps/search/parks-in-actor/gi/51.5047388. 0.2752512,142/data-[3m13451/entry-thuke_ep-Een-MDIOMTA-PH-WKXMDSuASA-QWWSDMSDB-D	
Y2	Seasons	Draw an Autumn picture. What do you like about Autumn?	
Y3	Bronze Age to Iron Age	Visit Mill Hill Gardens in Acton. How does it link to the Bronze Age? https://www.goparks.london/park/mill-hill-gardens/	
Y4	Extreme Weather Visit the Natural History Museum. What can learn about volcanoes and earthquakes? https://www.nhm.ac.uk/visit/walleries.and-museum-map/volcanorand-earthquakes.html		
Y5	Rivers (Autumn 1)	Take a walk from Kew Bridge to Hammersmit Bridge. Sketch and discuss your observations https://www.outdooraclive.com/en/noute/fishing-route/south-end-england/en- law-bridge-to-hammersmith-bridge-37m-53he-7255755945/indimitals-pass 1	
Y6	Protecting the environment	Visit the Science Museum. How can we protect our environment? https://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/objects-and-stories/our-environment	



Well done Abdurrahman in Oak class! What an achievement in Taekwondo! He competed in the LTA interlude championships and won his fight getting a gold medal.

His parents are so extremely proud of him and how much he has achieved in the past year attending Taekwondo classes.

We are proud of you too - amazing!



PAYMENTS

Communication - notices/letters and emails



Just a reminder of how we keep you updated



https://www.westactonprimaryschool.org/news-dates/newsletters

FACEBOOK - https://www.facebook.com/westactonpri
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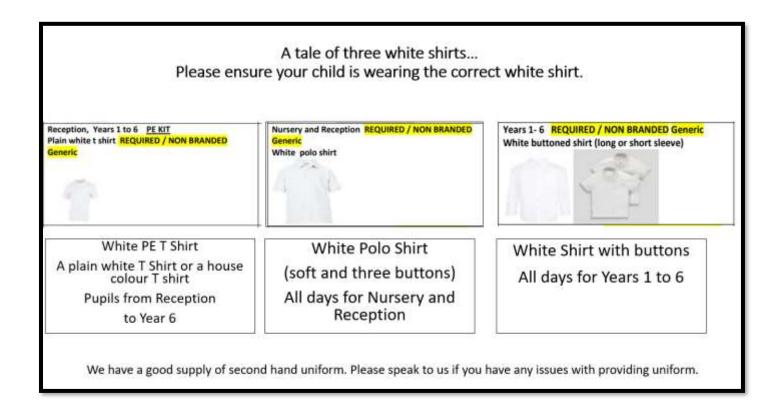
At West Acton Primary School, we are a dynamic and inclusive community of lifelong learners. We nurture every child to reach their full potential through an engaging, forward-thinking curriculum and a culture that builds courage, consideration and collaboration. As an aspirational community, our staff, pupils and families grow together—developing digital and emotional intelligence, a strong sense of wellbeing and environmental awareness—ready to make a positive impact on their communities and the wider world.

Please can I remind you to wait until your child is off of the school site before you start giving them food and snacks. As you know we are a healthy school with a sugar smart status.

Please do NOT give your child snacks on site at 3.15pm - especially bags of crisps, cakes, ice lollies and ice cream.

Thank you for your continued help making our school neat and clean.





PE DAYS - come to school in your house colour T shirt

Tuesday	Year 5	
Wednesday	Year 1 and Year 3	
Thursday	Reception and Year 4	
Friday	Year 2 and Year 6	

We were very lucky to have T- shirts donated for all our children in July. If your child has out grown their T-shirts please wash and return them so that we can recycle it and give it to another child. If we have another T-shirt we can offer your child one – if not please provide your child with a plain white T-shirt (or purchase another house colour T-shirt yourself).

We hope to replenish T-shirts every two years.



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Head Teacher: Ms K Kondo

West Acton Primary School Term Dates 2025 - 2026

	Autumn Term 2025		
SCHOOL CLOSED for pupils	Monday 1st - 2nd September - INSET DAYS for staff training 1 and 2		
Start of term for pupils Y1-6 Autumn 1 Term	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025 Wednesday 3 rd September - Thursday 23 rd October		
SCHOOL CLOSED for pupils	Friday 24th October - INSET DAY for staff training day 3		
SCHOOL CLOSED HALF TERM	Monday 27 th - Friday 31 st October		
Autumn 2 Term	Monday 3 rd November - Friday 19 th December		
End of Term	Friday 19 th December at 1.30pm		
SCHOOL CLOSED Holiday	Monday 22 nd December - Friday 2 nd January		
*	Spring Term 2026		
Start of term for pupils Spring 1 Term	Monday 5 th January 2026 Monday 5 th January - Friday 13 th February		
SCHOOL CLOSED HALF TERM	Monday 16 th February - Friday 20 th February		
Spring 2 Term	Monday 23 rd February - Friday 27 th March		
End of Term	Friday 27 th March at 1.30pm		
SCHOOL CLOSED Holiday	Monday 30 th March - Friday 10 th April		
	Summer Term 2026		
Start of Term for pupils Summer 1 Term	Monday 13 th April 2026 Monday 13 th April - Friday 22 nd May		
SCHOOL CLOSED	Monday 4 th May - May Bank holiday		
SCHOOL CLOSED HALF TERM	Monday 25 th May - Friday 29 th May		
SCHOOL CLOSED for pupils	Monday 1st June - INSET DAY for staff training day 4		
Summer 2 Term	Tuesday 2 nd June - Friday 17 th July		
End of Term	Friday 17 th July at 1.30pm		
SCHOOL CLOSED Holiday	Monday 20 th July - INSET DAY for staff training day 5 Tuesday 21 st , Wednesday 22 nd , Thursday 23 rd July - occasional day		

















Greetings in Spanish

Hola Hello

¿Cómo estás? How are you?

Buenos días ¿Cómo te llamas? Good morning

What's your name? Gracias

Buenas noches Good night

Thank you Adiós Bye

¿Cómo estás?



Estoy bien



Estoy así, así



Estoy mal



Estoy fatal

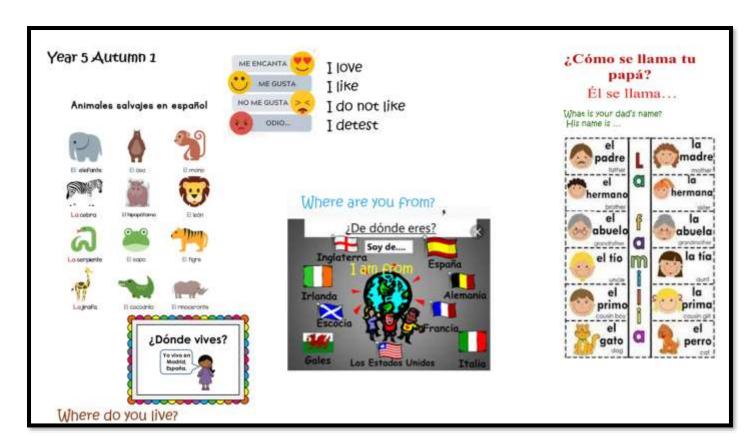


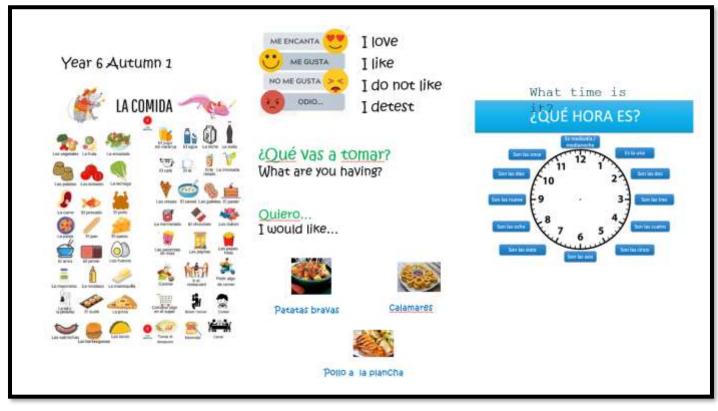






Meses Months
enero January
febrero February
marzo March
abril April
mayo May
Junio June
julio July
agosto August
septiembre September
octubre October
noviembre Movember
diciembre December





TIP FROM SCHOOL THERAPIST MRS PEARCE

Every mistake is a learning opportunity

We all experience challenging moments when we realise, we haven't said or done the right thing. Sometimes our emotional reserves are so full that we lose sight of our children's perspective or struggle to understand their point of view.

We might get cross, shout, react to their behaviours and later feel guilty and filled with remorse.

Naturally, it can be hard to stay patient and calm when we are faced with challenging behaviours from our children.

It is helpful to remind ourselves that most things can be repaired.

How parents can make a difference:

- A Parenting can be challenging and as humans we don't need to be perfect. Our children should have the freedom to be imperfect as well, while feeling loved and accepted just as they are.
- Fortunately, we can model how to repair by saying something like 'I'm sorry for raising my voice; you didn't deserve that. Let's go back and try again. What I meant to say was....'
- If we follow ruptures with reconnection and ensure that there are more positive experiences with our children, these difficult moments can become valuable learning opportunities.

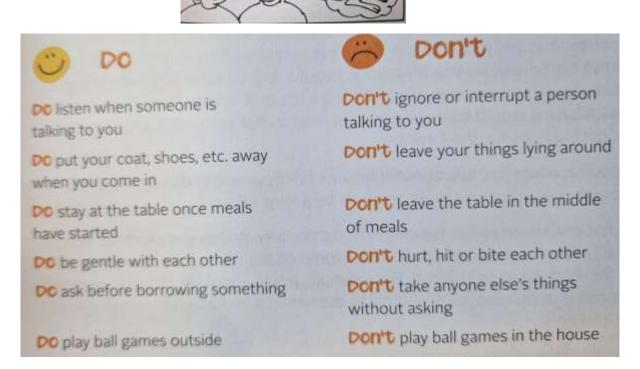
Let's stay open to learning from our mistakes and work to mend any disconnects as soon as possible.

Don't think of a kangaroo!

TOP TIP!! Thinking about 'HOW' we ask our children to do something, will really make a difference.

For example, If I say, "Don't think of a Kangaroo". What image/thought comes to your mind?!

A kangaroo!!



It is the same with our children. Let's try asking what **WE WANT** them to do rather than what we DON'T want them to do. Have a go! It might take some time to get used to saying "DO" and not "Don't"!!

Maria Pearce Therapist



In reception this week we have been celebrating Black History Month. We have been reading the book 'The Leopard's Drum' by Jessica Souhami. The children were inspired by the leopard and made their own fantastic African drums. They enjoyed cutting, sticking and choosing their own patterns. Have a look at the amazing drums they have made!



An ENORMOUS well done to our top Bug Club readers for Autumn Term 1. Each week, pupits are asked to read and answer comprehensions quizzes online on 'Bug Club.' This is part of our pupils' weekly reading homework from Years 1 to 6: to read for 20 minutes once a week from 'My Stuff' in their Bug Club account and answer 'bug' quizzes to support their fluency and comprehension in reading. If you need help logging on at home, please use our quick 'how to' video on our school website. Here is the link under 'Curriculum,' 'Subjects,' then 'Reading':

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1GRgexRskg&list=PLg4TaW5GieZR384D89kDbY5NVj0JqJye&ind ex=3

A super WELL DONE to our pupils listed below, who have read the most books so far in their classes in Autumn Term 1 or/and achieved the highest score in getting their quizzes correct! We are aiming for 75% or more correct quizzes to show understanding of what has been read. Pupils have all received certificates and have been celebrated in class!

Year Group Class		Pupils		
1	Ash	Aseel, Rome, Adnan, Aisha, Zakariye, Sumaya		
1	Guava	Sereen, Yuto, Lottie, Yasmin, Kanata, Mei, Kaito, Nathan, Zakar Waseem, Jaad, Lorene, Saif, Rioya		
1	Katsura	Charlie, Alma, Meina, Saki, Keika, Tougo, Zakaria, Mohammad Al Naser, Kazuki, Ghazi, Kenki, Callum, Adam Mohammed Al Aloush		
2	Damson	Taylor, Adrian, Fatiha, Hussain, Jacob, Razan, Roberta, Haruka, Iman, Satsuki		
2	Chestnut	Maho, Asmaa, Noel, Miori, Aleesa, Arisa		
2	Juniper	Evelyn, Naveed, Lara, Noah, Haruto, Yuzuki, Zakaria, Abdimalik, Yunus, Alea, Riko, Emi		
3	lvy	Aoi		
3	Holly	Paighm, Hata, Ahmed		
3	Rowan	Mia, Shevoy, Haruki		
4	Sycamore	Emma Y, Imran, Khayria		
4	Pine	Ren, Yuna, Sara G		
4	Mulberry	Haruchika, Ai, Esra, Makoto		
5	Elder	Tomohiro, Emilie, Rino		
5	Quince	Ritaj, Liv, Rosa		
5	Willow	Sana, Halla		
6	Zaytouna	Philip, Misato		
6	Tamarind	Celine. Firoze		
6	Lime	Mila Z, Khalid, Yuma, Meshari		
Woodlands	Elm	Zayan, Ziad, Christopher, Gabriela, Arin, Elyana, Ilyas, Elay		
Woodlands	Birch	Hakeem, Mikhael, Alaya		
Woodlands	Oak	Abdul, James, Mason, Azai, Samyr		



WAPS Giant Walk





SHOESDAY









Yesterday, 'Shoesday' WAPS held their Giant Walk to school. This helped us to celebrate our 10 Active Travel Challenge. The children walked in their favourite shoes to school for 'Shoesday'. We had lots of families joining us at North Acton Playing Fields and some meeting us along the journey. A fantastic way to promote travelling in an active way to school ©

Have a look at some of our children's favourite shoes which got them excited about walking to school yesterday!

Thursday Oracy Challenge

Reception target: 10 seconds

Year 1 4 2 target: 10-20 seconds

Year 3 4 4 target: 20-30 seconds

Year 5 4 6 target: 30-60 seconds





Two pupils present to their class each week.

Autumn term Science Challenge

Equipment:

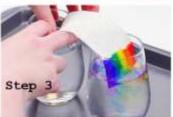
- · Kitchen roll (1 sheet)
- Felt tip pens (at least 5 different colours)
- 2 small cups or glasses
- · Water

Instructions:

- Cut 1 sheet of kitchen roll into a strip about 5 cm wide.
- 2. Use your felt tip pens to colour thick blocks at each end of the strip (same colours on both ends, about 2-3 cm high). Leave the middle blank!
- 3. Fill 2 small cups halfway with water. Place one end of the paper strip into each cup so that the coloured ends are just in the water. The middle of the strip should arch between the cups.
- Over the next 10-30 minutes, observe what happens.







The challenge!

Take photos of your experiment in progress. Can you explain what is happening?

Email your submissions to: admin@westacton.ealing.sch.uk

DUE: 28th November 2025

Extensions:

Does it work with other types of paper?

What if you use different liquid? Does it affect the speed?

Weekly attendance: WE 17 [™] October 2025			
Acorn		Woodlands	
91.08%		85.96%	
Olive	Banyan	Fir	
94.29%	94.44%	98.62%_/_	
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Ash	Guava	Katsura	
99.66%	94.33%	99.33%	
Damson	Chestnut	Juniper	
97.06%	99.29%	91.79%	
Holly	Rowan	lvy	
94.14%	98%	98.52%	
Mulberry	Pine	Sycamore	
96.07%	86.36%	99.31%	
Willow	Elder	Quince	
91.38%	92.07%	98.16%	
Lime	Tamarind	Zaytouna	
98.21%	94.48%	97.50%	

WEST ACTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

RECEPTION



For applications for September 2026

OPEN DAYS

Tuesday 4th November 2025 4.00pm to 5.00pm

Wednesday 12th November 2025 9.00am to 10.00am

Please come and visit our
Reception classes and meet our staff.







https://www.westactonprimaryschool.org/home Noel Road, Acton, W3 0JL Email or phone to book a place: admin@west-acton.ealing.sch.uk or 0208 992 3144



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Head Teacher: Ms K Kondo

1st September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Class Assemblies 2025 - 2026 Reception to Year 5

We hope that parents/carers can join us at 9.00am in the Jubilee Hall. Woodlands ARP pupils will join their main stream classes.

Autumn Term 2025

Class	Date	
Willow	Friday 3rd October	
Quince	Friday 10th October	
Elder	Friday 17th October	
Mulberry	Friday 16th January	
Sycamore	Friday 23rd January	
Pine	Friday 30th January	

Spring Term 2026

Class	Date	
Damson	Thursday 15th January	
Juniper	Thursday 22nd January	
Chestnut	Thursday 29th January	
Guava	Friday 6th February	
Katsura	Friday 13th February	
Ash Friday 6th March		

Summer Term 2026

Class	Date	
Rowan	Friday 1st May	
Holly	Friday 8th May	
lvy	Friday 15th May	
Olive	Friday 19th June	
Fir	Friday 26th June	
Banyan	Friday 3rd July	

Yours faithfully, Karen Kondo Headteacher















FREE FAMILY COME & SING IN EALING





Tuesday 28 October
10.30am-12.00pm
Shaw Room, The Questors Theatre
12 Mattock Lane, Ealing
London W5 5BQ



Free half-term singing session for the whole family to enjoy together TO SIGN UP Scan QR code or visit londonyouthchoirs.com







West Acton Primary school are proud to be a parkrun primary school.

A junior parkrun is free, fun and friendly weekly 2km event (run/walk) for children aged 4-14years old.







West Acton Primary School

is proud to be a 2025-2026 parkrun primary!

Promoting a healthier and happier planet for everyone.

Join in the fun every Sunday at



What is Acton junior parkrun?

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4 to 14 year olds). Nearby Saturday parkrun events can be found here.

When is it?

It is held every Sunday at 9:00am.

Where is it?

The event takes place at Acton Park, Uxbridge Road, London, W3 7LB. See Course page for more details.

What does it cost to join in?

Nothing - it's free! but please register before you first come along. Only ever register with parkrun once and don't forget to bring a scannable copy of your barcode (request a reminder). If you forget it, you won't get a time.

How fast do I have to be?

The aim is to have fun. Please come along and join in whatever your pacel



https://www.parkrun.org.uk/acton-juniors/



Send us your pictures of you joining the Junior Parkrun to receive your certificate!

Take a selfie/picture of you and your family joining the run and send it to admin@west-acton.ealing.sch.uk

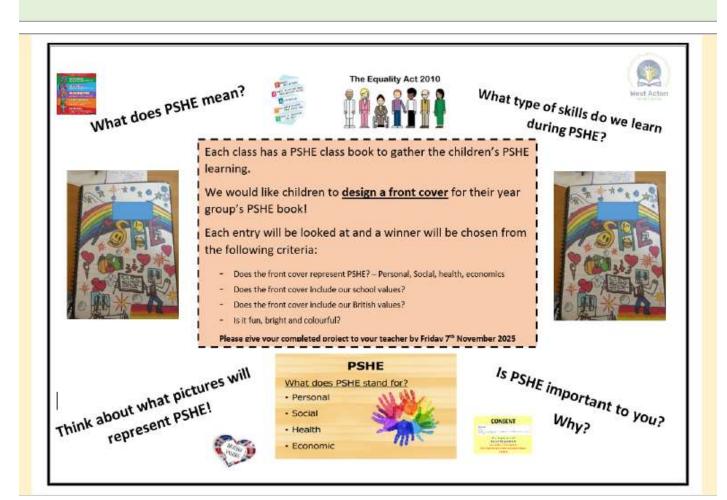
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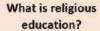
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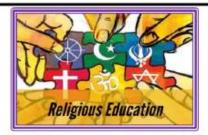


w/c 13th October 205	Courage	Consideration	Collaboration
Acorn	Rakavi	Zahra	Melek
Banyan	Maymuna	Anisa	Naya
Fir	Chanugi	Danyal	Elias
Olive	Tala	Zayn	Chihiro
Ash	Rahaf	Rome	Kotaro
Guava	Asuka	Logan	Yasmin
Katsura	Mohamed	Mika	Eli
Chestnut	Laya	Minato	Tala
Damson	Husnain	Adrian	Haruka
Juniper	Shaden	Ezaz	Yuzuki
Holly	Shoka	Emily	Azaiah
lvy	Omar	Bina	Emiri
Rowan	Dayana	Haruki	Ibrahim
Mulberry	Illyahna	Haruta	Titan
Pine	Mark	Tommy	Taichi
Sycamore	Noor	Idris	Victoria
Elder	Emma	Haruta	Oswald
Quince	Sana	Kosei	Tommy
Willow	Shuji	Saffa	Saeed
Lime	Adem	Rose	Inas
Tamarind	Melina	Caspian	Noor
Zaytouna	Mahmoud A	Salome	Mikuno
Birch	Alaya	Zaida	Adam
Elm	Christopher	Sammy	Elyana
Oak	Azai	Andrej	Dorian











Show what we learn from religion.



The children's learning in RE, is displayed in a class book.

We would like children to **design a front** cover (A4 portrait size) for their year group's class book!

Each entry will be looked at and a winner will be chosen from the following criteria:

- Does the front cover represent RE? (Religious Education)
- Does the front cover include our school values?
- Does the front cover include our British values?
- Is it fun, bright and colourful?

Please give your completed project to your teacher by Friday 7th November 2025





Think about what we learn about religion.

The Equality Act 2010



Why is it important to learn about other faiths and worldviews?



Short day - £44 Full day - £50

DAY SESSION

Aktiva Camps is an OFSTED-registered children's day camp, providing an extensive range of sports and activities for children to enjoy. Aktiva offers children between the ages of 4 and 12 a safe, fun, and friendly holiday camp environment.

We encourage children to try new things, building their confidence and broadening their experience™ each and every day.

Our programmes are designed to be high-energy, full of variety, and most importantly, fun! Your child(ren) will return home with FULL WEEK SESSIONS Short Day: 9am to 5pm - £176 memories, home-made Full day: 7.45am to 6pm - £200

souvenirs, and new friendships.

Building confidence and broadening experience™



HALF TERM CAMPS AT:

John Locke Academy, Bousfield Primary St Mark's Primary, West Acton Primary Acton Gardens Primary*, Mount Carmel Wendell Park, Brackenbury, Belmont



EXPLORER THEME: Passport making, Safari binoculars, Limbo, Tropical fruit tasting. Traditional craft day, Mexican Papel Picado and Travel Journals OUTDOOR GAMES:

Football, Dodge Ball, Tennis, Volleyball, Tag Rugby

*ACTON GARDENS PRIMARY SESSIONS 8:45am to 3:30pm and 9am to 5pm **Easy Online Booking:**

Childcare vouchers accepted www.aktivacamps.com

Email: bookings@aktivacamps.com